

**Listing of Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously amended) A method for producing a lacquer composition, the method comprising the step of adding silica particles to a reaction mixture comprising a first organosilane compound and a metal alkoxide under basic conditions.
2. (Previously amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the metal alkoxide is a zirconium alkoxide, an aluminum alkoxide, a titanium alkoxide or a mixture thereof.
3. (Previously amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the metal alkoxide is a metal diketonate.
4. (Previously amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the first organosilane compound is an epoxysilane.
5. (Previously amended) A method according to claim 4, wherein the epoxysilane is 3-glycidyloxypropyltrimethoxysilane.
6. (Previously amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein at least a second organosilane compound is added to the reaction mixture.
7. (Previously amended) A method according to claim 6, wherein the second organosilane compound comprises a tetra-alkoxysilane.

8. (Previously amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, comprising the further steps of coating a substrate with the reaction mixture, and curing the reaction mixture to form a lacquer coating on the substrate.

9. (Previously amended) A Product provided with a lacquer coating, wherein the lacquer coating is obtained by the method as claimed in claim 8.

10. (Previously amended) A starting material composition for obtaining a lacquer composition, the starting material composition comprising an organosilane compound, silica particles, a base, and a metal alkoxide.

11. (Previously amended) A lacquer composition comprising the reaction product of the starting material composition

12. - 24. (Cancelled)